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ABSTPACT

The work completed to date on the development and validation of a procedure for assessing the micro-environments of preschool children is summarized. It was speculated that the lack of evidence that compensatory programs facilitate developmental changes in children might be due to actual lack of influence by the programs, to the subtlety of the influence, and/or the inappropriateness of the conceptual and analytical approaches to the data. The development and validation of the procedure was guided by two sets of hypotheses: that adequately reliable and meaningful factors would emerge from a factor analysis of the micro-environment assessment data, and that the factors would relate to post-test and change criteria, respectively. The children were observed in their natural program environments and the data derived was reduced through factor analysis to individual child environment summary scores. Multiple regression analysis was performed on this data and the above hypotheses were supported. Appendices include the observation recording sheet and data on the intercorrelations and/or factor loadings of 33 environment items, 21 predictor variables, and 8 criteria variables. (PR)



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The purpose of this report is to summarize work completed to date on the development and validation of a procedure for assessing the m croenvironments of preschool children. Micro-environment, as used in this report, refers to (1) events which occur in the immediate environment of a child and which are sensorially accessible to him and (2) other setting phenomena which act as a medium for a child's behavior.

The study addresses problems of conceptualization and assessment in regard to effects on children of participation in compensatory preschool programs. To date, little evidence exists to support the conclusion that programs act to facilitate desired developmental changes in children. The lack of such evidence despite considerable research may be due to (1) actual lack of influence, e.g. the programs may be failing relative to the task; (2) the influence may be too subtle for assessment with existing measurement procedures: (3) the conceptual and analytic approaches may be inappropriate for handling data to adequately examine program influence. It is to the latter two concerns that this study is addressed.

The following rationals guided the development of the study. Since children in the same molar environment often bring to bear different histories and expectations and, in addition, then encounter different experiences, it was fult that program encounters of a given child need to be determined. Procedures which document only some facets of the general environment are not adequate to obtain this kind of data. Observations of an individual child are necessary and should include documentation of how the child, how the child uses his environment, what contextual restraints and facilities exist.

Additionally, it was believed that an analysis of program data should be undertaken relative to individual differences of children. It would



be expected that if analysis is not done relative to individual child characteristics, that is, if all children within a given program are lumped together for analysis, interactions may be cancelled out. The consequences of this concellation effect would be that few significant differences could be determined. And finally, since it was believed that program factors might be relevant for some criteria but not for others, multiple criterion measures were thought necessary as part of procedure and program validation attempts.

Thus, in the present study, observations were made of children in their natural program environments; the data derived was reduced via factor analysis to individual child (micro) environment summary scores. These summary scores along with individual child pre-test data, were correlated with individual child post-test data on several cognitive-verbal and performance-measures.

The objectives, then, of this study have been to (1) develop a methodology for sampling, observing, and recording encounters of preschool children in and with their immediate environment and (2) analyze child change data so as to optimize the determination of interactions between individual child variables and program encounters as determined by the above piero-environment methodology.

The following methodological hypotheses served to guide procedure development and validation:

- (1) Reliable determination of environmental data may be obtained through sampled observations.
- (2) Program environmental data derived from individual child observations will produce meaningful factors.
- (3) Factors determined will be related to child outcomes (i.e. post-test scores).



- (4) Predictive validation will be greater when individual subject and program environmental data are included in contrast to either child or program data when considered separately.
- (5) Program environment variables will contribute differently in relation to different criteria.

Procedure development and validation will be presented separately within the methodology, results, and discussion sections of this report.

Methodology

Sample

The sample was drawn from children participating in Head Start classus in upstate New York during 1969-70. The four centers in the area which had previously been selected for the National Head Start Evaluation were included. The study sample consisted of eight children from each of ten classes. These eight subjects were selected from those children in the class which were part of the national E and R sample and from which pretest data had been obtained. From that pool further random selection was made under conditions of obtaining balance of sex and race. Table I shows the race and sex distributions for each sample class.

Attrition brought the original sample of 80 subjects to 68. Subjects were not used if there was lack of sufficient observational data
(a minimum of thirty observations) due to excessive absentueism or unexpected termination of a center program or if the subject terminated
contact with the program prior to post-testing.

Assessment procedura

liicro-environment assessment, per se, consisted of three phases - sampling, observing and recording, and data reduction.



Table I

Sample Race and Sex Distribution and Observer Assignment, by Class

| Center | Class | 18 | Observer | | Race a | nd Sex | |
|-----------|-------|---------|------------|----------|----------|--------|----|
| | | | Assignment | 1/F | NF | 181 | 10 |
| Center U | · A | , | 3 - 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| 11 | B | 5 | 3 ÷ 4 | <u> </u> | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| 11 | С | ا 8 | 3 - 4 | | 4 | 1 | 3 |
| 11 | D | ٤ | 3 - 4 | | <u> </u> | ! | 6 |
| Center | E | 5 | 1 - 2 | 1 | 11 | 2 | |
| Center Gn | P | 7 | 1 - 2 | 4_ | | 3 | |
| 11 | G | 8 | 1 - 2 | 4 | 2 | 4 | |
| Center Ge | 1; | 7 | 5 - 6 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| 11 | 1 | 8' | 5 - 6 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 11 | J | 7 | 5 - 6 | 1 | . 3 | 1 | 2 |
| Total | 10 | 68 | **** | 15 | 18 | 16 | 19 |



Sampling. As the concern of micro-environment assessment was to determine the extent to which a target child (1) is impinged upon by his environment and (2) uses his environment as a medium for his behavior, and as each child participates in a program several hours a week, a method was required for sampling the encounters a child had with his program. A minimum of 30 four-minute observations were obtained for each of the subjects included in the study.

Although ideally these observations would have been randomly obtained across a specified program period, the expense of following this procedure would have been prohibitive. Therefore, a blocking schedule was used in which the eight subject children in each class were randomly placed into a schedule in two groups of four each which were observed in order by alternating observers. Observations were made on a given child no more frequently than every other day. The observing schedule, in addition, rotated the children so that the first observation on a given day was not repeatedly made on the same child. Observations were then made sequentially for the four children in a sampling block during the program day.

Observing and recording. The observation procedure sampled two two-minute periods with recording done immediately after each two-minute period. The task of the observer was to indicate whether an event occurred or not during the two-minute observation time. In all cases items were binary and non-contingent. That is, each item referent could potentially have been recorded as present during each observation.

The first of the two-minute observations included (1) the target 5's physical location and postute; (2) focus and coordination of 5's behavior; (3) a written and checklist indication of facets of the physical environments encountered - toys, people, equipment, etc.; (4) affective, other



vocal and verbal S behaviors; (5) affective, other vocal and verbal behaviors of other children in the immediate vicinity of the target child; (6) interporsonal verbal and non-verbal encounters between any adult and the target S and any other child and the target S; (7) conditions which might serve to qualify the accuracy of the observations; (8) behavioral indicators of S auch as tics, exaggorated gait, etc.

The second two-minute observation period included (1) an indication of the context of the child's behavior, i.e. activity, his choice or not; (2) whether the class group was intact or separated; (3) brief activity description; (4) codes for target child, peer, teacher, aide, and other adult activities - borrowed from OSCI (Stern, 1968); (5) minimum distances between target child and others during the two minute observation; (6) sanctions (coded) given by adults to children, including the target child. These latter codes, along with interaction codes referred to in the prior phase, were coded for directedness which refers to whether the sanction was focused specifically on the target child, on the target child as a sub-group member, or as a member of the class. The recording sheet is presented in Appendix A.

Observers were able to record from 25 to 30 observations in a half day session; thus, when all children were present in the block being observed, 6 to 7 observations per day could be made for each child. Observations were thus spread over a minumum five-day period. Then a child was absent he was added to the rotation schedule for the block to be observed on his next visit.

Because of the vide distance between centers, observers were hired from local areas. Training was done at the Syracuse Evaluation and Research Center and in the local centers. Two observers were hired in each of two centers and the writer and his assistant observed in the remaining two



centers. The assignments of observers to centers are presented in Table I.

Training consisted of introducing the observers to the study and to the items on which discriminations were to be made, allowing three days of unmonitored practice with the codes in the respective center classes, and then monitoring of the observers to check on correctness in item use.

Data reduction. Observation records were date-time coded and transferred to tally sheets. Data for each subject were converted to proportions to adjust for differences in the total number of observations. The datum for the study thus consisted of the proportion of item occurrence, or base-rate.

Item selection was necessary since with 68 58 and a lower limit of a 2 to 1 ratio of observations to dimensions, a minimum requirement for factor analysis, a maximum of 34 items could be included. Thus, a priority system was established for selection of items to be included in the preliminary factor analysis. The system placed high priority on "context" variables and input to 5 variables, which showed variation between subjects. Most variables included had a total base-rate which was more than 101.

The items included more grouped into one of three sets - context to E, S behavior - indirect, and input to S. Items included in each group are as follows:

Context to S. Guneral setting including physical and organizational facets of the environment.

- 1. Location: in main room Child location, indoors, and in main room of program.
- Location: in other Child location, indoors, and in other than main room of program.
- 3. Support: floor Child was physically supported by the floor.
- 4. Eupport: ground Child : physically supported by the ground.



- 5. Support: furniture Child was physically supported by furniture.
- Class intact The class group (those of 15 children present)
 was intact.
- 7. Class separate The class group was separated; a part of the group was out of sight in another location.
- 8. S choice/class The S was allowed to choose his own activity.
- 9. Teacher choice/class The teacher or other adult present determined the S's activity.
- S Behavior Indirect. S behaviors which might possibly be a function of the setting and which might thus serve as an indicator of that setting.
 - 10. Locomotion: rapid Child locomotion which was faster than walking.
 - 11. Coordination: non-regular No more than ordinary coordination for behavior maintenance, e.g. body support, was manifested. For example, no large muscle coordination, no eye-hand coordination, no verbal with physical movement coordination were observed.
 - 12. Persistence: involvement same S behavior which was persistent, i.e. S was involved in the same activity for the entire two minute observation.
 - 13. Inaudible A qualifier indicating that S spoke but could not be clearly heard.
 - 14. Affect: smile Clear indication that the S smiled.
 - 15. Finger-mouth S put or had finger in his mouth.
 - 16. Subject to peer: tells to do S told a peer to do something.
- Input to S. A specific input occurred directly to S or in the immediate vicinity of S from adult or from members of the peer group.
 - Group affect: giggle, laugh Peer giggling and/or laughing occurred.
 - 18. Group affect: shriek, yell Peer shrieking and/or yelling occurred.
 - 19. Group affect: cry, sob Peer crying and or subbing occurred.
 - 20. Group affect: loud talk Peer loud talk occurred.
 - 21. Group affect: smile Peer smiling occurred.



- 22. Group/Vocal-verbal/Non-affect mouth sounds Other non-affective vocal and or verbal behavior occurred.
- 23. Adult to S; calls for attention Adult calls for E attention.
- 24. Adult to S: tells what doing Adult tells what (s) he is doing.
- 25. Adult to S: tells other to do Adult tells someone (child) to do something.
- 26. Sanction: involvement Adult indicates that child should become involved in some activity.
- 27. Sanction: location Adult indicated where S should be located.
- 28. Sanction: time Adult indicated that it is or isn't (the right) time to be doing something.
- 29. Sanction: posture Adult indicated that a child's posture should be different than it is.
- 30. Sanction: correct Adult indicated that a task should or shouldn't be done in a given way.
- 31. Sanction: noise/motion adult indicated that the activity level was too high.
- 32. Sanction: fair share Adult indicated that an equitable use among Ss of some finite resource should be made.
- 33. Sanction: location-prop Adult indicated where toys or materials should be placed and/or where belonged.

As base-rates were the prime data in this study, extent of agreement between observers on base rate was used as an estimate of reliability.

Table II shows reliability estimates for each observer pair and all the observers combined for each of the 33 environmental items included in the factor analysis.

It should be noted that the reliability estimate is based on the extent of agreement in base-rate for the given item for each subject. The reliability estimate is expressed as the percentage of agreement within 10 percentage points.

The 33 item-variables were subjected to factor analysis. A varimax



rotation factor analysis program developed by Veldman () produced seven factors. Factor scores (in the form of z scores) for each of the subjects were also provided by the program. These factor scores were included as predictor variables in the multiple regression analyses undertaken relative to the criterion measures in the study. The factor analyses (and the correlation matrix determined as the preliminary step) were based on scores indicating proportion of occurrence of the behavior or event.

Multiple regression analysis. A stepwise (linear) regressing analysis (Veldman,) was undertaken to determine the relationship between facets of a child's micro-environment, the child's pre-test scores on several cognitive verbal and performance measures, and the child's post-test scores on these same measures.

The seven micro-environment factor scores, three additional setting scores, one observation qualifier, three subject demographic indicators, and the seven pre-test scores made up the 21 independent (predictor) variables of the study. The seven post-test scores and the MIA change socre were the criterion (dependent) variables.

The three setting variables included were two indicators of the number of props encountered by S and The number of days S actually attended the program. The first prop indicator was a minimum estimate (prop-Min) of the number of toys, equipment, etc. S encountered and the second (prop-Max) was a maximum estimate. The prop estimates were taken from observational data and the attendance was from teacher records. The attendance data was not corrected for total number of program operation days.

The total number of observations varied sufficiently (although for all subjects included there was a minimum of thirty) to warrant inclusion as a potintial qualifier even though the conversion of micro-environment data to base-rates presumably corrected for possible differences.



The three demographic variables included were S age (in months) at the time of pretesting, S ethnicity - Caucasian or Negro, and S sex - wale or female.

Seven test scores were included as predictor and as the criterion variables. Pre-test scores served as predictor variables and post-test scores from the same tests served as criterion variables. The seven scores were derived from four tests individually administered as part of the Head Start Evaluation project. These were administered by the regular staff members of the Head Start Evaluation Center; observations were obtained by a separate staff. Two scores were derived from the Stanford-Binet - MA and IQ. One score (FR) was derived from a rating schedule completed by the Stanford-Binet tester which noted factors adversely affecting test performance. The amount of time S took to complete the Caldwell Preschool Inventory was a fourth variable. Three scores were derived from the Animal House subtest of the Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children (WPFSE) - time for test completion in seconds, number of errors, time for test completion in seconds, number of errors, total ray score attained.

An additional criterion score, HA change, was included. This socre was derived by subtracting the pre-LA from the post-MA. In all except three cases the change was positive. The minuses (-1, -1, -2) change scores were low and were thus included as zeros.

Results

As assessment procedure development and validation are logically distinct phases, they are separately reproted here.

Procedures development.

Two hypotheses were associated with procedure development. The first



concerned the reliable determination of micro-environment data, and the second concerned the emergence of meaningful factors.

Table II shows the raw score means and standard deviations for the thirty-three environment items and the observer pair and total reliabilities associated with each.

The means and standard deviations reflect an adequate amount of variation between child settings and the reliabilities, while moderate, appear to be generally adequate.

An examination of Table II would support confirmation of Hypothesis I that reliable determination of micro-environment variables could be obtained.

Hypothesis II: Program environmental data derived from individual child observations will produce meaningful factors. Factor analyses of the environment variables produced seven factors, which accounted for 76 percent of trace. Five of the factors appeared meaningful. Item contributions to each factor, factor descriptions and tentative names, are reported separately for each factor in the following sections. Intercorrelations of the thirty-three items are presented in Appendix B, and Appendix C shows the factor loadings of the thirty-three items for each of the seven factors.

Factor I, which accounted for 30.820 percent of the total factor trace, appeared to reflect four themes: teacher domination, low affect in children, divided class activities, and diverse settings. Teacher domination was evidenced by adult direction and many diverse sanctions. Low affect in the children was evidenced by negative loadings on group and S smiling, crying, talk. Divided and diverse activities were evidenced by items: Class; not intact, Location (negative loading), Furniture (negative loading).



Table II

Means, Standard Deviations and Reliabilities for Tairty-three Environment Variables (N=68)

| | Voriable Nome | Я | S.D. | Pair 1 | Reliability Pair 2 | (t) Pair 3 | Total |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------|
| Contex | Context to 3 | | | | | | |
| r-I | 1. Lucation: in main run | 74.30 | 14.40 | .54 | . 30 | .45 | 89. |
| 2. | location: in other | 10.28 | 11.03 | 1.93 | .50 | .86 | .93 |
| m [*] | support: floor | 43.38 | 11.58 | 34. | 09. | .50 | .51 |
| | support: ground | 12.28 | 8.87 | .81 | Ç9. | 79* | ٠¢. |
| 'n | support: furniture | 53.62 | 11.50 | ેડ. | .50 | .50 | .50 |
| ં | class intect | 81.37 | 16.63 | .73 | 57. | .32 | .52 |
| 7. | chas separate | 8.32 | 3,49 | 1.30 | 69. | .59 | .75 |
| ස | S coorce/class | 28.65 | 14.44 | .38 | .50 | 79. | .50 |
| 6 | teacher choice/class | 64.32 | 13,38 | .50 | .75 | .23 | 27. |
| S John | S rehavior-Indirect | | | | | | |
| 10. | 10. locomotion: rapid | 10.74 | 6.80 | .61 | .85 | 11. | .73 |
| н. | 11. coordination: none/regular | 85.21 | 8.51 | .42 | .70 | .54 | .57 |
| 12. | 12. persistance: involvement same | 74.60 | 11.99 | .61 | .50 | .41 | .51 |

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| | Variable itame | ጆ | s.u. | ÷ | Reliabilities* | ittes* . | • |
|----------|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|----------------|----------|-------|
| 1 | | | | Pofr 1 | Pair 2 | Pair 3 | Total |
| | 13. paudible | 10.13 | აგ. | .85 | .35 | 1.00 | .75 |
| - | 14. affect: smile | 31.71 | 14.43 | .27 | 37" | .27 | .31 |
| ᆏ | :15. finger - mouth. | 14.79 | 12.11 | .35 | .63 | .82 | .57 |
| H | li. o to peer: tells to do | 10.90 | 8.12 | .85 | 07. | .50 | S, |
| 副 | Input to 3 | | | | | | |
| - | 17. group affect: giggle-laugh | 24.94 | 21.25 | 00. | .65 | 98. | -47 |
| .4 | 18. group affect: shrick-yell | 20.24 | 21.33 | 70. | 09. | 88. | 74. |
| 4 | 19. group affect: cry-sob | 4.12 | 33 | 11. | .95 | 1.00 | 05. |
| 71 | 2). group affect: loud talk | 32.75 | 28.91 | 11. | 30. | 77. | .38 |
| ~ | 21. group affect: smile | 11.97 | 5.37 | .55 | .50 | .82 | .57 |
| 7 | 22. group/Vocal-verbal/Non-affect | 18.15 | 18.82 | 00. | , 52. | .82 | .48 |
| 7 | 23. adult to S: calls for attention | 13.57 | 14.35 | .81 | .85 | .27 | 59. |
| Ŋ | 24. adult to S: tells vaat doing | 10.03 | 11.35 | .81 | .85 | .53 | .75 |
| 4 | 25. adult to S: tells other to do | 40.09 | 18.95 | .15 | .35 | .18 | .22 |
| 7 | 26. sanction: involvement | 43.38 | 24.63 | 77. | 07. | .14 | .35 |
| | | | | | | | |

| | | | | | Puliability* | 1ty* | |
|-----|-------------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------------|--------|-------|
| | Variable Name | x | S.D. | Pair 1 | Poir 2 | Pair 3 | Total |
| 27. | sanction: location | 27.32 | 12.23 | .61 | .55 | -41 | .53 |
| 26. | sanction: time | 13.74 | 8.15 | 79. | .55 | .45 | .54 |
| 23. | sanction: posture | 11.44 | 8.63 | 88 | .15 | 79. | .59 |
| 30. | sanction: correct | 12.59 | 9.02 | .81 | 53. | .45 | .35 |
| 31. | sanction: noise/notion | 11.50 | 6.44 | 97. | .65 | .73 | 99. |
| 32. | sauction: fair share | 7.21 | 5.37 | .85 | .75 | .5. | .72 |
| 33. | sanction: location-prop | 10.59 | 86.9 | .81 | °, | .82 | .75 |



In addition Location-in/out/etc. did not load on this factor. The factor has been named Adult directed and highly controlled small group activities.

Table III contains item descriptions and loadings for this factor.

Factor II, representing 14.266 percent of the total variance accounted for by the factors, has been labeled <u>Diffuse Activity Structure</u>. Although some items evidenced adult efforts to structure (Teacher choice; A to Stells others to do; Sanction-posture), other items seemed to represent a relatively unfocused situation (Coordination - none/regular; Locomotion, rapid; Inaudible; Persistence-Involved same (negative loading). The loading on affect items would seem to reflect rather positive emotionality, i.e. positive loading on Gp affect-smile and Affect (S)-smile along with negative loadings on Gp affect-cry/sob and Gp affect-shriek/yoll. The combination of these items seems to suggest a setting in which an adult structures a situation which is noninvolving for the children. Item descriptions and loadings are presented in Table IV.

Factor III represented 10.052 percent of total factor trace. Items indicating activity in the Main room with an Intact class received substantial loading. The item Support: furniture received positive loading and may be an indication of sedentary activity. The negative loading on Inaudible and the appearance of the item, Persistance: Involved same, are indications of quiet involvement. No items indicating teacher structuring or sanctioning and no items regarding emotionality appear. This factor has therefore been designated <u>Undisrupted Independent Effort</u>. Table V contains the item loadings for Factor III.

The loadings in Factor IV seem best labeled as Adult Tolerated Nonsettled Behavior. The factor accounted for 5.785 percent of the variance



TABLE III

ROTATED FACTOR LOADINGS FOR MACTOR I

| Item # | Item Name | Loading |
|------------|---------------------------------|---------|
| 26 | Sanction-Involvement | .871 |
| 13 | Group-Loud Talk | 861 |
| 10 | Group-Giggle/laugh | 852 |
| 19 | Adult to S- tells what doing | .820 |
| 16 | Group- non-affect mouth sounds | 807 |
| 18 | Adult to S- calls for attention | .796 |
| 33 | Sanction-location prop | .766 |
| 23 | Class-separate | .764 |
| 11 | Group-shriek/yell | 760 |
| 3 0 | Sanction-correct | .722 |
| 28 | Sanction-time | .670 |
| 6 | Support-furniture | 651 |
| 20 | A to S - tells other to do | .635 |
| 22 | Class-intact | 624 |
| 5 | Support-groupd | .616 |
| 24 | S choice-class | 578 |
| 12 | Group affect-cry/sob | 541 |
| 29 | Sanction- posture | .411 |
| 31 | Sanction- noise, motion | .344 |
| 17 | Finger-mouth | 332 |
| 25 | Teacher choice | .321 |



TABLE IV

ROTATED FACTOR LOADINGS FOR FACTOR II

| Item # | Item Name | Loading |
|--------|--------------------------------|---------|
| 25 | Teacher choice | 785 |
| 7 | Coordination-none/regular | .775 |
| 3 | Locomotion-rapid | .700 |
| 24 | S choice | 569 |
| 29 | Sanction-posture | .593 |
| 4 | Support-floor | 538 |
| 9 | Inaudible | .489 |
| 18 | Adult to S-calls for attention | 415 |
| 15 | Group affect-smile | .394 |
| 20 | Adult to S-'ells other to do | .389 |
| 12 | Group affect-cry/sob | 382 |
| 14 | Affect (s)-smile | .363 |
| 8 | Persistance-involved same | 358 |
| 11 | Group affect-shriek/yell | 301 |



attributed to all factors. The items Locomotion, rapid, Gp affect-cry/
sob, Gp affect-shriek/yell, Finger/mouth (negative loading) rather clearly
reflect unsettled behavior. Items Support-floor and Support-furniture
(negative loading) may indicate nonsedentary activity. Only one sanction
item received any substantial loading implying adult tolerance despite
the "unsettledness" suggested by the above items. Item descriptions and
loadings for Factor IV are presented in Table VI.

Neither Factor V nor Factor VI seemed to have interpretable meaning and were therefore not named. Factor V accounted for 4.846 percent of the factor trace and Factor VI 6.238 percent Tables VII and VIII contain the item descriptions and loadings.

Factor VII, although containing only three items receiving substantial loading, seems readily interpretable. The items reflect S characteristics and are seem as representing an involvement (Persistance-involved same) in which the S is directing efforts to do something (S tells peer to do) and absence of Affect-smile. This factor has been called <u>Subject-directed Striving</u>. It accounts for 4.457 percent of factor trace. Items descriptions and loadings are presented in Table IX.

It will be noted from an examination of Tables III through IX that the first two factors are heavily weighted with Context to S items (i.e. setting, structure) and the latter factors are heavily weighted with S behavior as indirect indicators of the setting. Input to S items are somewhat scattered but more heavily evidenced in the first two factors.

An examination of these tables lends support for the second hypothesis that meaningful factors will emerge from micro-environmental assessment.



TABLE V
ROTATED FACTOR LOADINGS FOR PACTOR III

| Item 7 | Item | loading |
|--------|-----------------------|---------|
| 2 | Location; In, other | -,874 |
| 1. | Location: In, main | .800 |
| 22 | Class intact | . 651 |
| 9 | Inaudible | 591 |
| 8 | Persistence: Invol sm | .502 |
| 6 | Support: furniture | .340 |
| 5 | Support: ground | -,328 |
| 23 | Class saparate. | -,313 |
| | | |

TABLE VI
ROTATED FACTOR LOADINGS FOR FACTOR IV

| Item # | Item | Loading |
|--------|--------------------|---------|
| 3 | Locomotion, rapid | .828 |
| 12 | Groups cry/sob | . 574 |
| 17 | Finger/mouth | -,358 |
| 11 | Group: shreik/yell | . 344 |
| 6 | Support: furniture | 331 |
| 4 | Support: floor | . 314 |
| 27 | Sanction: location | .309 |



TABLE VII

ROTATED FACTOR LOADINGS FOR FACTOR V

| Item # | Item name | Loading |
|--------|---------------------------|---------|
| 32 | Sanction-fair share | .807 |
| 17 | Finger-mouth | .593 |
| 8 | Persistance-involved same | 378 |
| 27 | Sanction-location | .324 |

TABLE VIII
ROTATLD FACTOR LOADINGS FOR FACTOR VI

| ltem # | Item name | Loading |
|--------|------------------------------|---------|
| 31 | Sanction-noise, motion | 756 |
| 4 | Support-floor | 535 |
| 5 | Support-ground | .438 |
| 29 | Sanction-posture | ,416 |
| 1 | Location-in main room | 374 |
| 23 | Adult to 2-tells other to do | . 342 |

TABLE IX
ROTATED FACTOR LOADINGS FOR FACTOR VII

| Item # | Itea | Loading |
|--------|----------------------|---------|
| 22 | S tells Paer, to do | .712 |
| 14 | Affect; smile | 699 |
| 8 | Persistence: Inv. sm | .316 |



Procedure validation

Hypothesis III. Factors determined will be related to child outcomes, i.e. post and change criterion measures.

Table X shows the correlations between the seven factors and the post-test and change criterion measures. Correlations between some additional predictor variables which had not been considered in the fector analysis and the eight criterion measures are also reported in Table X for comparative purposes. These included three program variables - Props-Min, Props-Max, Days Attended; three subject demographic variables - Age, Ethnicity, and Sex; and the S pre-test scores. (Intercorrelations among predictor variables at a reported in Appendix D and the criterion intercorrelations are in Appendix E. Criterior X's and CD's are shown in Appendix E.)

An examination of Table X shows Factors I, III, IV, and VII significantly relate to the cognitive measures - mental age, IC and Animal House score. Factor III relates to a non-cognitive criterion, time to complete the Animal House subtest of the IPPSI.

The three environmental variables (Prop-Min, Prop-Max and days Attended) which were not included in the factor analysis are relevant to consider in regard to hypothesis III. Prop-Min was significantly related to the Factors (FR) score and PSI; Prop-Max was related to MA change.

The low order but significant relationships between environmental indicators (both the factors and edded prop variables) tend to support Hypothesis III.

Hypothesis IV. Environmental indicators will contribute variance predictability on criterion test socres in a multiple correlational analysis.



Table if Correlations of twenty-one Pradicior Variables afth Each of Seven Oriterion Variables

| Predictor | | : | Critical | Criterion Variables (post & change) | s (post & c | hage) | | |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|------------|------|--------|
| Viriables | | ĊZ | ži. | PSI-I | Test. | 3-57 | Ah-S | FA ch. |
| Pactor 1 | -262* | -261* | -028 | -517 | -081 | 145 | 081 | -035 |
| 2 | 353 | 173 | -0.2 | -057 | -031 | 217 | 230 | -196 |
| n | .153 | 255 | 360- | -420* | -315* | 51C | 238 | 109 |
| 4 | -135 | 90 | 8 | -164 | -137 | 33 | -034 | -323÷ |
| • | C12- | 44 | 146 | 135 | CH | 290 | -180 | -105 |
| 13 | 513 | 025 | 257 | 025 | 103 | 003 | 113 | 707 |
| -22- | 393* | 36.1 | % ማ | -142 | 248 | -329* | 348* | cm |
| Props-min | -083 | -103 | -289* | 235* | 306 | 236 | -152 | -303 |
| Projectus | 276 | -033 | -042 | -216 | -113 | . 105 | 108 | 270* |
| Days Littunded | 153 | 200 | -038 | -283 | -115 | 111 | 191 | 216 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| 00/461 | 920 | -277 | સુ | 013 | <u>دي</u> | 170 | -034 | 070 |
| ethnicity | 237 | -0;3 | 800 | -031 | -159 | 5 | 035 | 200* |
| Sack | -038 | 538 | 113 | -133 | 174 | J18 | -123 | 180 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| ide (pru) | 712* | 733* | -231 | 990- | 164 | -521 | 405 | -412 |
| IC (bre) | 230 | 259* | -164 | 544 | 201 | 201 | 272 | \$CQ- |
| Fk (pre.) | -233 | -275* | 3.37 | 227 | 970- | 17. | -302 | 213 |
| PSI true (pre) | -651 | 900 | ر ئ کرئ | C31 | 157 | 233 | -212 | -116 |
| intend douse true (pre) | 307* | 184 | -034 | -114 | 290 | -440 | 369 | 082 |
| | | | | | | | | |

Trills & Continued

| -007 | 103 |
|---------------------------|--------|
| -623 | 177 |
| \$65 -354 | 105 |
| 968 903 | -110 |
| 200 | -013 |
| 281 -271 | 152 |
| 4864 | 275 |
| -562* 396* | 385 |
| Animal Bouse Errors (pre) | % obu. |

The results of a step-wise multiple regression analysis lant support to Hypothesis IV. Multiple correlations and P tests between the twenty-one predictors and the eight criterion variables are presented in Table XI. It will be noted that all P's were significant with one exception, the Adverse Factor's rating.

Tables XII through XIX show the iteration sequences for each of the eight criterion measures separately. Each of the eight will be discussed in turn. It should be noted that the iteration sequence reflects increased contribution via different combinations of predictors. O-ulative sequencing has not been presented in the tables beyond the point where additional iterations failed to contribute an additional full (1) percent to criterion variance predictability.

Criterion 1, Post iii. Table XII shows the iterative sequencing of subject environmental predictors on the Min score derived from a post-test administration of the Stanford-Binet. It will be not dethat while the pre-test Min accounts for fifty percent of the post-test score and the Animal house Error count predicts an additional six percent, the various environmental factors add even more (approximately twelve percent when Days Attended is included as an environmental variable).

Criterion 2, Post IQ. Table XIII shows the iterative sequencing of subject and environmental predictors on IQ as derived from the post Stanford-Binet testing. As would be expected, Mental Age-Pre predicts fifty percent of the post IQ variance, while £ age and Errors on the Animal House are associated with an additional ten percent. Environmental actors contribute small but persistent variance predictability.

Criturion 3, Adverse Factors. Iterative sequencing of subject and environmental predictors of the post-test rating of Factors (FR) adversely affecting test (Stanford-Binet) performance are shown in Table XIV.



TABLE XI

MULTIPLE CORRELATIONS (AND R SQUARED) FOR 21 PREDICTOR

AND EIGHT VARIABLES AND F TESTS

| C | riterion | R | r sq | F-RATIO | P (exact) |
|----|------------|------|------|---------|-----------|
| 1. | MA (post) | .847 | .717 | 5.425 | .0000 |
| 2. | IQ (post) | .837 | .701 | 5.026 | .0000 |
| 3. | FR | .650 | .422 | 1.568 | .1025 |
| 4. | PSI (time) | .717 | .515 | 2.272 | .0106 |
| 5. | /il (time) | .670 | .449 | 1.747 | .0582 |
| 6. | Ali Errore | .775 | .600 | 3.221 | .0007 |
| 7, | Al. Score | .777 | .604 | 3,270 | .0006 |
| 8. | ith Change | .700 | .488 | 2.032 | .0230 |

^{*}Df 11/D = 21/45

TABLE XII

ITERATIVE SEQUENCING OF PREDICTOR VARIABLES ON
HENTAL AGE (POST) CRITERION

Predictor

| <u> </u> | Name | Туре | R 50 |
|----------|--------------------------|--------|------|
| 11 | Hental Age, pre | Ertest | .506 |
| 18 | Animal House Etrors, pre | Sitest | .584 |
| 20 | Days attended | invir | .598 |
| 4 | Pactor IV | invir | .623 |
| 1 | Factor 1 | Envir | .635 |
| 7 | Factor VII | Er.vir | .649 |
| ٠5 | Factor V | Envir | .659 |
| 6 | Factor VI | Envir | .668 |
| 14 | Prop Count-lian | Invir | .679 |



TABLE XIII

ITERATIVE SEQUENCING OF PREDICTOR VARIABLES ON

IQ (POST) CRITERION

Predictor

| Ø | None | Type | R SQ |
|----------|---------------------|--------|------|
| 11 | Hental Age, pre | Situat | .494 |
| 10 | Agu | Sidemo | .565 |
| 18 | Animal Louse Errora | Sitist | .592 |
| 7 | Factor VII | Envir | .614 |
| 4 | Factor 1V | Envir | .629 |
| 14 | Prop Count (Max) | Envir | .645 |



While the multiple correlation did not produce a significant F it is clear from an examination of Table XIV that unvironmental variables are making contribution to the variance accounted for. The Propellin count is particularly noticeable as are the other subject and environmental variables from which one might infer perceptual-motor practice opportunity or consequences of opportunity to practice perceuptal motor coordination, e.g. Animal House test, Pactor III. Contributions from total number of observations are not readily interpretable.

Oritarion 4, Fost Preschool Inventory-Time. Iterative sequencing of subject and environmental predictors for PSI-Time (amount of time/min. taken to complete the Caldwell Preschool Test) during the post-test administration is contained in Table XV. It will be noted that the most effective predictor is Factor III, an environmental variable. Another environmental predictor, Props-Hin count, adds ten mercent to the predictive capacity.

Criterion 5, Post Animal Louse Time. Iterative sequencing of subject and environmental predictors on the time taken to complete the post-test administration of Animal House, is shown in Table XVI. Factor III, an environmental variable, is the bast predictor of the post-test score and other environmental variables account for additional variance.

Criterion 6, Post Animal House Errors. Iterative sacutatings for environmental and subject predictors on the number of errors made in the post-test administration of the IPPSI subtest, Animal House, are presented in Table XVII. While I variables contribute the majority of the volume predictability, environmental variables continue to add small ants.

Criterion 8, M.A. change. Iterative sequencing of environmental and subject predictor variables on the difference in M.A. scores between pre- and post-testing, is reported in Table XIX. Thils the best predictor is



TABLE XIV

ITERATIVE SEQUENCING OF PREDICTOR VARIABLES ON FACTORS (POST) CRITERION

Predictor

| 8 | llane | Туре | R SQ |
|----|---------------------------|----------|------|
| 15 | Factors (pru) | Cirating | .004 |
| 13 | Frop-liin | Envir | .175 |
| 18 | Aminal House Errors (pre) | Sitest | .247 |
| 21 | Total # observations | | .280 |
| 20 | Days attended | Envir | .301 |
| 3 | Factor III | Envir | .310 |
| 17 | Animal House Time (pru) | Eitest | .335 |
| 3 | Sox | Sideno | .349 |

TABLE XV ITERATIVE SEQUENCING OF PREDICTOR VARIABLES OF PSI TIME (POST) CHITERION

Fredictor

| ş | Vens | Type | R 50 |
|----|---------------|----------|-------|
| 3 | Factor III . | Envir | .182 |
| 13 | Prop-Hin | Envir | . 285 |
| 12 | IC (pro) | Sitest | .32? |
| 5 | Tactor 7 | Envir | . 362 |
| 15 | lactors | Sithting | .376 |
| 4 | Factor IV | tuvit | .420 |
| 20 | Days Attended | Envir | . 442 |
| 10 | Ago | \$1 deno | . 458 |
| 12 | IQ (pre) | S:test | .477 |



TABLE XVI

ITERATIVE SEQUENCING OF PREDICTOR VARIABLES ON
ANIMAL HOUSE TIME (FOST) CRITERION

Predictors

| 9 | Name | Турс | R SQ |
|----|---------------------------|--------|------|
| 3 | Factor III | Envir | .099 |
| 11 | Mental age (pre) | Sitest | .131 |
| 4 | Pactor Iv | Envir | .153 |
| 9 | Sex | S:demo | .192 |
| 21 | Total # observations | | .214 |
| 12 | IQ (pre) | Sitest | .237 |
| 5 | Factor V | Envir | .260 |
| 13 | Prop-Min | Envir | .281 |
| 6 | Factor VI | Envir' | .297 |
| 17 | Animal House Time (pre) | Sitest | .308 |
| 13 | Animal House Errors (prc) | Sitest | .316 |
| 3 | Factor III | Envir | .328 |



TABLE XVII

ITERATIVE SEQUENCING OF PREDICTOR VARIABLES ON
ANIMAL HOUSE ERROR (POST) CRITERION

Prudictor

| <u> </u> | เขื่อขอ | Туре | ? 50 |
|----------|---------------------------|--------|------|
| 18 | Animal Rouse Errors (pro) | Sitest | .323 |
| 11 | Hental ago (pre) | Sitest | .399 |
| 4 | Factor IV | Envir | .426 |
| 3 | Factor III | Envir | .449 |
| 7 | Foctor VII | Envir | .466 |
| 14 | Prop-ilax | Unvir | .478 |
| 2 | Factor II | Envir | .490 |
| 15 | Factors | Situat | .503 |
| 9 | Scx | Sideno | .518 |

TABLE XVIII ITERATIVE SEQUENCING OF PREDICTOR VARIABLES ON ANIMAL HOUSE PLAY SCORE (POST) CRITERION

Predictor

| 1_ | None | TYPE | R CO |
|----|----------------------------|---------|-------|
| 18 | Animal Houses Errors (pre) | Sitest | .38\$ |
| 7 | Factor VII | Envir | . 434 |
| 21 | Total & ovservations | | .449 |
| 1 | Factor 1 | Invir | .462 |
| 14 | Prophilix | Envir | .476 |
| 2 | Factor II | Davir | .502 |
| 20 | Days attended | Envir | .517 |
| 15 | Factors | \$1test | .527 |
| 3 | Factor III | invit | .533 |



TABLE XIX

ITERATIVE SEQUENCING OF PREDICTOR VARIABLES ON

MENTAL AGE (CHANGE) CRITERION

Predictor

| # | | ··· | |
|----|---------------------------|--------|------|
| 11 | Mental age (pre) | S:test | .170 |
| 4 | Factor IV | Envir | .256 |
| 7 | Factor VII | Envir | .309 |
| 18 | Animal House Errors (pre) | S:test | .335 |
| 2 | Factor II | Envir | .355 |
| 5 | Factor V | Envir | .369 |
| 14 | Prop-Max | Envir | .377 |
| 1 | Factor I | Lnvir | .392 |
| 11 | Mental gao (pre) | S:test | .404 |



the MA pre-test score, it is clear from an examination of Table XIX that environmental variables contribute substantially to the total variance predictability on this criterion.

Examination of Tables XIII through XIX reveals that varying contributions are made to criterion variance predictability by environmental variables. The greater contributions are made to non-cognitive criterion measures e.g. adverse factors rating, time taken to complete the Caldwell Preschool Inventory and Animal House, but noticeable contributions are made to cognitive criteria as well. Although environmental contributions to criterion predictability vary, there appears to be at least minimal support for Eypothesis IV.

Hypothesis V. Environmental variables will have differential predictive capability among criterion variables.

One aspect of validation is the capacity for differential prediction.

Within this frame of reference, the question was asked as to whether the environmental factors which emerged from factor analysis would differentially predict post- and change criterion scores. Would a factor, which was independent of other factors predict one criterion and not another?

An examination of Tables X through XIX lends support to Eypothesis V.

Factors I, III, and VII appear related (in different ways) to cognitive measures and II and IV appear related (again in different ways) to non-cognitive measures. While no tests for contribution significance were made for the multiple correlations, it is clear from a cursory examination of these tables that varying contributions were made.

Summary of Results.

Two sets of guiding hypotheses were put forth concerning procedure development and procedure validation.

Procedure development. Adequately reliable and meaningful factors did



emerge from a factor analysis of the micro-environment assessment data.

Procedure validation. The factors, in turn, did relate to post-test and change criteria. Specifically, the following factor-criterion relationships were determined:

Factor: Adult-directed and highly controlled small group activities correlated negatively with MA post-test scores.

Factor: Undisrupted independent effort correlated regatively with amount of time taken to complete the FSI and Animal house tasks.

Factor: Adult tolerated non-settled (S) behavior correlated negatively with MA change.

Factor: Subject-directed striving correlated positively with post-test NA and Animal House scores.

In addition, factor scores derived from micro-environment assessment data contributed varying amounts to total predictability of post-test and change scores in combination with pre-test predictor scores in a stepwise multiple (linear) regression analysis.

Discussion

One additional way of viewing these data concerns what they say about the actual programs which were described via this procedure. While the data were not analyzed for classroom similarities and differences, the general picture is one of homogeneous inactivity. Heans for Location: Main Room (74.%) and Support: Furniture (54%) for all children in all ten programs support this Notion. The lack of Coordinated Behavior (85%) and Persistence: Involved Same (75%) also lends support to this, : along with Teacher's Choice (64%) and Class Intact (81%). The relatively high use of Sanction; Involvement (44%) tends to give a picture of attempts by adults to (externally) motivate the children.

Work is currently in process to reanalyze these data to provide composite pictures of classrooms in quantitative as well as qualitive terms. Data



collected but not included in this study are also being examined for for inclusion in this extended analysis. Other analysis will examine different ways of scoring the data, possible curvilinearity in regression, and additional criterion scores.

While several concerns about individual-child-based (micro-environment) program assessment continue, more advantages than disadvantages are seen, as this phase of procedure development and validation comes to a close. The advantages are both theoretical and practical. On the theoretical side, opportunity is afforded for determining the actual encounters a child has instead of assuming that a set of inputs are equally available for all children - an assumption made throughout by most methodologies which are teacher based - either observation or self-report (see Doypera and Lay, 1963). In addition, by refocusing observations involving a given child on the factors which either impings on him or serve as a medium supporting his behavior, a clearer picture of the "program" emerges than when child-behavior alone, or interactions are the unit of description. This refocusing thus allows for a direct conceptualization and assessment of the program as independent variables impinging on a child. In this regard, this approach would serve well as a quality control-device under conditions where interventions are assumed to be experimentally present yet the extent to which the treatment is present for any given child is an unknown.

There are three practical advantages. The observation system can be used with minimal training, by relatively naive observers. The system, with some additional work can be used in any setting (e.g. parent and child) involving a child in a natural environment, thus facilitating comparisons for a child or children between environments concurrently and/or across



time. The procedure also, with not much additional work, can utilize a machine scorable recording sheet thus saving hours of hand tabulating.

As used in this developmental form, several difficulties are seen. Too much was included which was not particularly relevant. This factor undoubtedly put a strain on the observers and directly and/or indirectly influenced item reliability.

The number of observations required to minimumally stabilize a baserate clearly (retrospectively) varies by setting, child, and itmes. This factor may also contribute to reliability problems.



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Appendices

- A. Recording Sheet
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- F. Intercorrelations of Eight Criterion Variables



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| BOTHER PEER HARM COOPERATION | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FAIR/SHARE OWNERSHIP SOC AMENITIES | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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Appendix 5 Intercorrelations of 33 Environment Variables**

| Sontart to S | lar# | 7 | ო | Ŋ | vo | 7 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 25 | 7 | æ | G. | 13 | 15 | 18 |
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| Location: in, main | 7 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |) |
| Location: in, other | ო | -708 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Juppt: floor | 'n | 370 | -036 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Suppt: ground | φ | -680 | 152 | -478 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Suppt: furn | 7 | 904 | -252 | -250 | -516 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jass intact | 23 | 717 | -531 | 038 | -525 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Class separate | 24 | -329 | 150 | 332 | 532 | -671 | -683 | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 choice | 25 | 298 | 173 | 388 | -541 | 235 | 373 | -445 | | | | | | | | |
| f choic√ | 56 | -111 | -364 | -490 | 428 | 245 | -244 | 175 | -89€ | | | | | | | |
| S Behavior (ind) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Locomotion: rapid | 4 | 083 | -050 | 233 | 00 | -122 | 150 | C55 | 139 | -142 | | | | | | |
| Coord: non-reg | œ | -104 | -184 | -384 | 228 | 211 | 013 | -201 | -511 | 574 | -119 | | | | | |
| Persist. involved Sm | 6 | 404 | -354 | 215 | -134 | -263 | 215 | -130 | 277 | -229 | -063 | -275 | | | | |
| Inaudible | 10 | 483 | 308 | -321 | 412 | -146 | -278 | 238 | -359 | 308 | 160 | 306 | -456 | | | |
| Affact: smila | 1.5 | -018 | -111 | -216 | 031 | 171 | 177 | -352 | -244 | -316 | 946 | 146 | - 204 | 273 | | |
| Fruger Mouth | 18 | 603 | 165 | 900- | -313 | 312 | 326 | -231 | 154 | -129 | -177 | 227 | -202 | . ب53 | 213 | |
| Sto Peer: tulls to do | 22 | -203 | 193 | -056 | 216 | -220 | -352 | 295 | -217 | 101 | 764 | 145 | 031 | 161 | -210 | 051 |
| ** Based on raw proportion S | ica S | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| = | Gigg-Lauga Group Act | # | 267 | -152 | 219 | 904- | 531 | \$ 23 | -ċ71 | 349 | -420 | 130 | . 200 | 212 | . 351 | | • | .320 |
| | Shriek-yell Group Att | 175 | 389 | -c78 | 323 | -563 | 272 | 578 | -553 | € 7 3 | -431 | 329 | .277 | 193 | . 312 | c0 3 | 157 | -228 |
| - | Cry-sob Group Att. | 13 | 218 | -004 | 267 | -332 | 288 | 425 | -356 | 673 | -509 | 384 | -388 | 175 | -134 | | | .232 |
| , | Loud Talk Group Att | 14 | 469 | -045 | 280 | -706 | 415 | 612 | -620 | 929 | -451 | 191 | 241 | 184 | -362 | | • | 230 |
| - | Jaily Group Att | 16 | -034 | 336 | -313 | -148 | 402 | 320 | -383 | 277 | 143 | 020 | 228 | -205 | 251 | | | 156 |
| •1 | acuta sounds Group Att | 17 | 565 | -137 | 238 | -751 | 507 | 633 | -641 | 453 | -451 | 064 | -187 | 235 | .440 | | | 346 |
| • | n to S call to attu. | 13 | -174 | -014 | .134 | 415 | -555 | -526 | 594 | -184 | -657 | -138 | . 250 | 243 | .175 | • | | 151 |
| • | i to S tulls what doing | 23 | -227 | 60C- | 133 | 458 | -54€ | -504 | 531 | -245 | 227 | 760 | -550 | 143 | 120 | | | 254 |
| • | A to S talls to do | 21 | -452 | 297 | -261 | 639 | -367 | -426 | 435 | -503 | 456 | -013 | 323 | . 352 | 42 9 | | | 181 |
| • | Conct: Inv. | 27 | -312 | -054 | -152 | 651 | -468 | -463 | 561 | -523 | 327 | -151 | 213 | 003 | 101 | | | 235 |
| | Sanct: Location | 28 | -079 | -125 | -269 | 159 | 226 | 221 | -134 | -257 | 411 | 221 | 495 | 345 | 303 | | | 027. |
| | Senet: Tine | 29 | -116 | -041 | 023 | 309 | -251 | -347 | 077 | -366 | 218 | -072 | 5 82 | 020 | 216 | | | 236 |
| - | Canct: Posture | 30 | -489 | 077 | -452 | 577 | -108 | -324 | 281 | -584 | 375 | 554 | 777 | - 319 | 3/7 | | | 30€ |
| | Sanct: Corruct | 31 | -253 | 040 | -087 | 516 | -445 | -454 | 597 | -515 | 341 | 324 | 208 | -257 | 322 | | | 275 |
| ٠ | Canct: Moi-Mot | 32 | 526 | -162 | 411 | -573 | 901 | 315 | -147 | 230 | -259 | 153 | -121 | 304 | .32€ | | | 580 |
| | Sanct: Fair Chare | 33 | -148 | 073 | 112 | 328 | -056 | -175 | 073 | -058 | 03 0 | 125 | 102 | 233 | 052 | | | 294 |
| | Conct: Locetion-prop. | 34 | 252 | -116 | -101 | 557 | -471 | -339 | 524 | -510 | 365 | -031 | 131 | 3 3 6 | 282 | | | 235 |
| - | Trout to S | | Ξ | 12 | ۲. | 7,5 | 16 | 17 | 9 | 23 | 12 | 77 | 6. | 39 | 30 | 3, | 32 3 | 33 |
| , - | Orp Att: glegle-laugh | ۳- د (| | | | | | i | | | | | | | | | | |
| _ | Cro Aft: Shreik-vell | 12 | 768 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | the contract of the contract o | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Crp Att: cry-sob | 13 | 248 | 720 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| _ | Crp Att: laud talk | 14 | 387 | 606 | 533 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| _ | Crp Att: smile | 16 | 410 | 112 | 075 | 242 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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APPENDIX C
Rotated Factor Loadings for 33 Environmental Variables

| | | | | factor | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-------|-------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|-------|------|
| Variable | Var # | | | - III | IV | V | VI | VII |
| Location: in main room | 1 | -297 | -095 | | 044 | -041 | -374 | 051 |
| Location: in other room | 2 | -055 | -222 | 1 | -077 | 127 | 758 | 138 |
| Support: floor | 3 | 18C- | 010 | l l | 828 | 051 | -113 | 5003 |
| Support: ground | 4 | 046 | -538 | I | 314 | 238 | i | 026 |
| Support: furniture | 5 | 516 | 253 | -328 | 198 | -213 | 438 | ე23 |
| Class intact | 6 | -651 | 276 | 340 | -331 | 144 | 146 | -015 |
| Class separate | 7 |) 52 | 775 | 051 | -155 | 156 | 019 | 113 |
| 5 choice/class | 8 | -014 | -358 | 508 | -034 | -378 | -037 | 316 |
| Teacher choice/class | S | 996 | 489 | -591 | 182 | -157 | 103 | -156 |
| Locomotion: rapid | 10 | -852 | -201 | 290 | 091 | 028 | -140 | -035 |
| Coordination: non-regular | 11 | -760 | -301 | 154 | 344 | -017 | -157 | 090 |
| Persistence: involve sama | 12 | -541 | -382 | 050 | 574 | -029 | 187 | 060 |
| Innudible | 13 | -861 | -25 2 | 155 | 131 | -997 | -249 | 030 |
| Affect:smile | 14 | -109 | 363 | -044 | 214 | -137 | -038 | 693 |
| Finger-mouth | 15 | -520 | 394 | -103 | -032 | 071 | 209 | -254 |
| E to peer: tells to do | 16 | -807 | -296 | 286 | -077 | 036 | -275 | -029 |
| Gp affect: giggle, laugh | 17 | -332 | 119 | -159 | -358 | 593 | -241 | 979 |
| Gp affect: shriek, yell | 1.8 | 796 | -515 | 067 | -163 | -085 | 028 | 1.11 |
| Gp affect: cry, sob | 19 | 320 | -278 | 072 | -064 | -004 | 199 | 165 |
| Gp affect: loud tell. | 20 | د3 يا | 389 | -206 | 137 | 198 | 342 | -047 |
| Gp affect: smile | 21 | . 266 | 281 | -227 | 293 | -087 | - 207 | 712 |
| Gp/vocal-verial/mon-affect | 22 | -624 | 097 | 651 | 152 | -047 | 058 | -128 |
| Adult to C: calls for attention | 23 | 765 | -001 | -313 | 124 | -111 | -247 | -041 |
| Adult to S: tells what doing | 24 | -578 | -669 | 056 | 177 | 123 | 043 | 173 |
| Adult to S: tells other to do | 25 | 322 | 1785 | 151 | -129 | 1143 | 066 | -106 |
| Sanction: involvement | 26 | 371 | 124 | 055 | -098 | -040 | 181 | 109 |
| Sanction: location | 27 | -101 | 700 | 043 | 309 | 324 | 123 | -106 |
| Sanction: time | 28 | 700 | 008 | 137 | -155 | U39 | -015 | 170 |
| Sanction: posutre | 29 | 411 | 593 | -220 | 036 | 067 | 416 | 058 |
| Sanction: correct | ვა | 722 | 260 | -140 | 141 | 017 | -022 | 922 |
| Sanction: noise/motion | 31 | -344 | -095 | 223 | 066 | -086 | -756 | 203 |
| Sanction: fair shera | 32 | 164 | 043 | -016 | 145 | 807 | 083 | 050 |
| Sanction: location prop | 33 | 766 | 175 | 085 | 025 | 095 | 169 | -032 |
| Percent of total variance | | 30.820 | | | | | 6.238 | 1 |



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Appendix D Intercorrelations of Iwenty-One Predictor Variables (N=67)

| | Pactor | Factor | Pactor | Factor | Factor | Factor | Factor | Props- | Props | Days | V8e | Ethnic | Š | ž | O ₁ | 84 | ISA | AHT | AHE | AHS |
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| | | ~ | m | 4 | 'n | | 7 | Min. | | Attend. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Factor 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Factor 2 | 98 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Factor 3 | 8 | 90- | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pactor 4 | 98 | 80 | 8 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Factor 5 | 120 | -013 | -028 | -025 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pactor 6 | 8 | -010 | 8 | 110 | 643 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Factor 7 | -010 | 610 | 710- | -016 | -012 | 780 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Prope-Mir. | 176 | -026 | 18 | -068 | 031 | 860 | - 167 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Prope-Max. | 48 2 | -432 | 100 | -122 | 982 | -23\$ | 786 | 6\$0 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Days Attend. | 178 | -480 | -031 | -036 | -062 | -410 | 266 | 96 | 502 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ** | 015 | -244 | 252 | 690- | 9/0 | 950 | 8 | 690 | 215 | 800 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Echnici cy | - 190 | -462 | 134 | -129 | -057 | -171 | 30% | -131 | 133 | 3% | 186 | | | | | | | | | |
| Sex | -025 | -157 | -095 | 362 | -074 | 125 | -030 | -049 | 450 | -004 | - 165 | -020 | | | | | | | | |
| MA - pre | -286 | 274 | 8 | 9/0 | -088 | 604 | 36 | -077 | -134 | -026 | -015 | -179 | 013 | | | | | | | |
| 1Q - pre | 450 | \$ | -136 | 082 | - 186 | -374 | 080 | -030 | 780 | 101 | -235 | -202 | 112 | 566 | | | | | | |
| FR - pre | 090- | - 190 | - 182 | 905 | 990 | 012 | -097 | -016 | 88 | 137 | -038 | 162 | - 065 | -395 - | -238 | • | | | | |
| PSL - pre | -337 | -128 | -125 | 860- | 112 | 101 | -072 | 025 | 232 | | -003 | 691 | 970 | . 290 | -116 -021 | 021 | | | | |
| AME - pre | 152 | 8 | 125 | -117 | 970- | 001 | 316 | -:15 | 185 | -039 | 317 | 790 | -035 | 212 - | -033 -139 | 139 - | -368 | | | |
| AME - pre | % | -208 | -277 | 035 | 198 | -022 | -221 | 110 | -054 | 035 | -030 | 102 | 083 | - 967- | -095 | 145 | 188 -6 | -611 | | |
| AMS - pre | -244 | 261 | 238 | 107 | -128 | 910 | 905 | -093 | -186 | -134 | -224 | 252 | 700 | 280 | 168 - | -236 | 138 -1 | - 112 - | -630 | |
| No. Obs. | % | 003 | -030 | -141 | -024 | 051 | 238 | 6,2 | 450 | 344 | 903 | -171- | -019 | 027 | 085 -028 | | -244 1 | 115 - | - 003 | -129 |



Appendix E

Raw Score Means and Standard Deviations of Test-Criterior Variables

| | !'r | te | Pos | t | · Cha | nge |
|---------------|---------|--------|---------|--------|-------|------|
| | អ | S.D. | н | S.D. | H | S.D. |
| МА | 45.403 | 888.6 | 54.463 | 8.871 | 9.030 | 5.30 |
| IQ | | | 91.836 | 15.970 | | |
| FR | 21.657 | 12.017 | 16.433 | 7.555 | | |
| PSI time/min | 14.627 | 3.878 | 12.776 | 2.503 | | |
| Ali T | 156.970 | 62.104 | 178.612 | 66.937 | | |
| AJIE | 3.702 | 5.895 | 5.298 | 5.665 | | |
| /JiS | 18.761 | 9.769 | 24.045 | 13.007 | | |
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Appendix F

Intercorrelations of Eight Criterion Variables

| | АМ | 10 | FR | PSI | AhT | VER | AHS | HACE |
|------|------|------|--------|------|------|------|-----|------|
| MA | | | | | | | | |
| 10 | 899 | | | | | | | |
| FR | -357 | -376 | *** | | | | | |
| PSI | -182 | -152 | 129% | | | | | |
| Tila | 022 | 062 | 1532. | 270 | | | | |
| AHE | -629 | -628 | 207% | 084 | -330 | | | |
| AHS | 598 | 563 | -2954. | -223 | -411 | -672 | | |
| HACH | 324 | 234 | -146 | -110 | -127 | -126 | 233 | |

